Health officials, gay activists join in park patrol

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Alarmed by a high rate of HIV infection among men arrested in Palmer Park, health officials and gay activists today will launch "park outreach patrols" to educate the men about the dangers of anonymous homosexual encounters.

Potterat: Compares arrest, HIV lists.

"About every sixth man that solicits another man in Palmer Park has HIV," said John Potterat, the county's HIV/sexually transmitted disease control officer.

"That's about 150 times greater than the rate of the virus in the adult population of Colorado Springs," he said.

About one in 800 adults in Colorado Springs has HIV, the virus that leads to AIDS.

Potterat compared the names of those arrested in the park with names on his HIV-positive list to come up with the figures. He did that earlier this year after Colorado Springs police and Palmer Park caretakers went to the El Paso County Department of Health and Environment for help.

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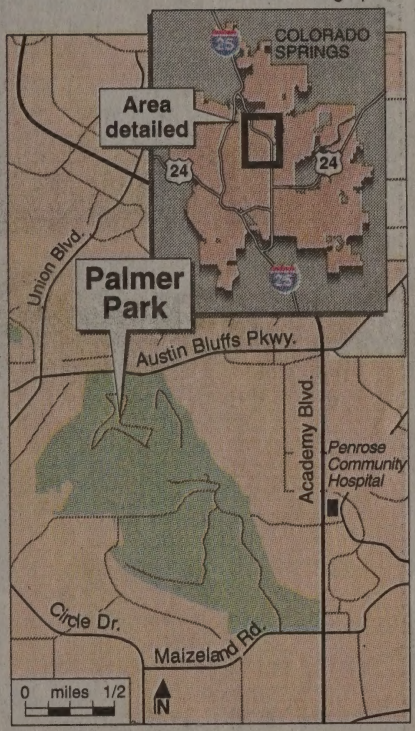

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In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States.

In 1944, 322 people were killed when a pair of ammunition ships exploded in Port Chicago, Calif.

In 1955, Disneyland debuted in Anaheim, Calif.

In 1981, 114 people were killed when a pair of walkways above the lobby of the Kansas City Hyatt Regency Hotel collapsed during a "tea dance."

■ **TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS**

TV personality Art Linkletter is 84. Singer Regina Belle is 33.

■ **THOUGHT FOR TODAY:** **"Life has taught me that it is not for our faults that we are disliked and even hated, but for our qualities."**

Bernard Berenson,
Lithuanian-American art critic and author
1865-1959

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WESTERN SLOPE: Mostly sunny today; a mainly mountain afternoon thunderstorm. Highs 80-89. Mainly clear tonight. Lows 50-64.

EASTERN PLAINS: Sunny to partly cloudy today; a thunderstorm late. Highs 90-94. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Lows 55-64.

City	Yest.	Today	Thurs.	Fri
Akron	90 62 pc	91 59 s	96 63 s	96 6
Alamosa	78 46 sh	79 43 pc	84 49 s	85 4
Aspen	77 50 sh	78 50 s	86 51 s	86 5
Buena Vista	75 48 pc	77 50 s	82 50 s	81 5
Denver	91 65 pc	92 62 pc	96 63 s	97 6
Durango	82 59 sh	83 50 pc	86 54 s	89 5
Fort Collins	89 56 pc	90 57 s	93 61 s	96 6
Glenwood Springs	85 54 sh	86 54 s	92 56 s	91 5

LOCAL STATISTICS

PRECIPITATION

24 hours to 6 p.m. yesterday	0.00"
Total for month to date	2.02"
Normal for month to date	1.40"
Total this year to date	7.53"
Normal for year to date	8.66"

HIGH/LO
High Yesterda
Low Yesterda
TODAY'S
High
Low

NATION